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SUBKECT: JUAN PAO-SHAN CASE

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1. MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR JUAN PAO-SHAN WERE HELD TAIPEI OCT 23 AND KAOHSIUNG OCT 24, WITH BURIAL FOLLOWING AT KAOHSIUNG. EMBASSY SENT FLORAL WREATHS TO BOTH MEMORIAL SERVICES.

2. PRESS ATTENTION CONTINUES BUT IN SOMEWHAT MORE SUB-DUED LESS EMOTIONAL MANNER, WITH PHRASE "LEFTIST ELEMENTS" NOW MORE OFTEN USED THAN ""MAIIST TERRORISTS" TO DESCRIBE MURDERERS. WE HAVE NOTED ONLY ONE "TV SPECIAL" ON JUAN CASE THUS FAR. IT INCLUDED INTERVIEWS WITH RECENT RETURNEES FROM US WHO CLAIMED MOST CHINESE STUDENTS IN US ARE PRO-ROC BUT SMALL PRO-PRC GROUP EXISTS AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER. ALTHOUGH THOSE INTERVIEWED EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM, ANNOUNCER'S CLOSING REMARK WAS "WE ARE CONFIDENT US WILL DEAL WITH AND APPREHEND MURDERS."
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3. WE HOPE THAT WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES AND BURIAL OVER, CASE WILL NOW SLOWLY FADE AWAY. (NATURALLY, IT WOULD DO SO ALL THE MORE RAPIDLY IF JUAN'S MURDER WERE APPREHENDED AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL.) LIMITED SOUNDINGS IN EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES SUGGEST LITTLE REAL CONCERN AMONG STUDENTS, WITH ROTC INSTRUCTORS AND CHINA YOUTH CORPS MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION OF PROTEST LETTERS, MEETINGS, ETC. MAIN STIMULANT, OF COURSE, WAS PRESS CAMPAIGN. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, SENIOR REPORTERS AND EDITORS, MOST OF WHOM ARE QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT FACTS OF THE JUAN CASE, ARE THE MOST CYNICAL OF ALL ABOUT THE ENTIRE EXERCISE. UNGER

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